

Application No.: 09/824,647  
Amendment dated August 21, 2003  
Reply to Office Action dated July 15, 2003

Docket No.: A7542.0000/P001-E

**REMARKS**

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 28-49 and 56-75 are allowed. Claims 50-55 stand rejected. In order to advance prosecution, Applicant has canceled claims 50-55 without prejudice to their underlying subject matter.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims (claims 28-49 and 56-75) in this application is in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Dated: August 21, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

By 

James W. Brady, Jr.

Registration No.: 32,115

Jeremy A. Cubert

Registration No.: 40,399

DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN &amp;

OSHINSKY LLP

2101 L Street NW

Washington, DC 20037-1526

(202) 785-9700

Attorneys for Applicant

**FAX RECEIVED**  
**AUG 22 2003**  
**GROUP 1600**

**OFFICIAL**